

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the claims as amended.

Claims 1, 4-18, 29-33 and 36-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9-18, 29-33, and 36-38 are allowed. Claims 25-28, which were previously withdrawn, are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 4-8, which were previously withdrawn, are reinstated herein, and their status is changed accordingly from "withdrawn" to "original."

Regarding Claims 25-28

The Examiner asserts that Claims 25-28 are "drawn to a nonelected invention." Claims 25-28 are canceled herein accordingly.

Regarding Claims 4-8

The Examiner indicates the only Claims 1, 9-18, 29-33, and 36-38 are allowable. Applicants submit that Claims 4-8, which were previously withdrawn, are also allowable as depending from Claim 1, which is allowed. Accordingly, Applicants have changed the status of Claims 4-8 from "withdrawn" to "original."

In view of the above Amendment and Remarks, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 4-18, 29-33, and 36-38 and the entire case are in condition for allowance and should be sent to issue, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845, including but not limited to, any charges for extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

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